

March 16, 2005

**MUHLENBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A public hearing was held at the Muhlenberg County board office on March 15, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Muhlenberg County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 12-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the local board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There was one individual in attendance. Tim Lucas, Division of Facilities Management, served as the state-appointed hearing officer. Superintendent Dale Todd was present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Todd called the public hearing to order and welcomed those in attendance. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations would be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan. It calls for priority projects to include: a new area technology center, a new elementary school to replace Bremen Elementary, a new alternative school, major renovation and additions to Longest Elementary, Central City Elementary, and the Muhlenberg South Middle School, auditorium additions to Muhlenberg North and South High Schools and major renovation to the Central Office, maintenance building and the Bus Garage. Discretionary Projects include: ROTC additions to Muhlenberg North and Muhlenberg South High Schools, construction and renovation to athletic facilities and complexes, and storage and auditorium additions to the districts' elementary schools.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No comments were noted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Muhlenberg County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Muhlenberg County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Muhlenberg County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Lucas, Hearing Officer

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director